GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
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BARCODES ON MONO- CARTON
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has extended the deadline to affix barcodes on monocarton on ointments, eye/eardrops by pharmaceutical companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is fact that most of the pharmaceutical companies are not following the guidelines prescribed by the Government;

(d) if so, the details thereof companywise; and

(e) the action being taken by the Government against such companies who do not follow the said guidelines?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR)

(a) and (b) The Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 do not require mandatory affixing of barcodes on carton of any drug. However, as per Public Notification No.62 (RE-2013)/2009-2014 dated 26th June, 2014, issued by Directorate General of Foreign Trade regarding Procedure relating to tracking and tracing of export consignment of pharmaceuticals and drugs, Mono Cartons shall be treated as Secondary Level Packaging in line with prevalent global packaging nomenclature. Further, as per amendment issued by Directorate General of Foreign Trade vide Public Notification No.62 (RE-2013)/2009-2014 dated 6tn August, 2014, the date of implementation of bar-coding on Mono-Carton packaging will come into effect from 1st April, 2015.

(c) to (e) In view of above, do not arise.